



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-00295

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Fixed Penalty Notices

Request and Answer:

Request 1

In view of widespread and ongoing criminal anti-social behaviour in South Belfast Holyland, can I ask, through this Freedom of Information request:

How many Fixed Penalty notices for anti-social and criminal behaviour have been issued by PSNI in SB Holyland since September 2017?

Answer

I contacted 'Belfast Policing District' and searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

PSNI statistics can only be broken down into Ward, District Electoral Area or Local policing Command Area, and therefore it is not possible to supply figures specific to the 'Holylands' area. The 'Holylands' area falls within Central Ward.

There have been a total of 98 Police Notices for Disorder issued during this period for offences within Central Ward, however there were no Penalty Notices For Disorder (PND)s issued specifically for Anti-social behaviour as it is not classed as a criminal offence .

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.